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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The India-Pakistan Situation
(Report #35 - As of 11:00 A.M. EDT)

1. Conflicting claims still dominate reporting on the fighting on the subcontinent.
2. The Indian domestic radio service said this morning that Indian troops are continuing their progress and bettering their positions in the Lahore sector despite heavy Pakistani opposition. The Indian Defense Ministry today asserted that Indian forces had stepped up their attacks on all fronts and were threatening the Pakistani towns of Lahore and Sialkot, in contradiction to Pakistani claims of success in these areas.
3. Indian sources also state that there has been severe fighting in the Chhamb area of Indian Kashmir, where it is said Indian troops successfully resisted a Pakistani attempt to dislocate their forward defenses.
4. Eyewitnesses have reported seeing "many" train cars of wounded Indian soldiers arriving in the Delhi central railway station. The wounded reportedly were being moved to military hospitals in the capital.
5. U.N. Secretary General U Thant, winding up his stay in New Delhi, is reported to be planning a stop-off in Moscow on his way back to New York.
6. On 13 September Moscow issued the second official TASS statement within a week calling upon the governments of India and Pakistan to be reasonable and to take measures to stop the hostilities between them. As before, the Soviet Government declared its readiness to provide its "good offices" if both sides desired.

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7. The latest statement sharpened Moscow's earlier indirect criticism of Peking's role in the situation. It condemned "those whose inciting statements help fan the conflict." Moscow warned that further aggravation of the crisis might lead to a situation "when many states might find themselves drawn into the conflict one by one," and urged all states to exert efforts to stop the bloodshed between India and Pakistan.

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